

Amendments

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121 and 37 CFR §1.116, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A track drive mechanism, characterized by:
- a first track (112) ;
 - a second track (114) offset from said first track (112);
 - a first locking mechanism (120) adapted to engage said first track (112);
 - a second locking mechanism (122) adapted to engage said second track (114);
 - a latch release shaft (140) operatively connected to said first locking mechanism (120) and to said second locking mechanism (122);
 - a latch bar (142) operatively connected to said latch release shaft (140);
 - a hollow axle motor assembly (10) having a hollow axle (12) and a housing (22);
 - a track drive shaft (160) operatively connected to said hollow axle (12), said track drive shaft (160) having an upper portion (162) and a lower portion (164);
 - a first gear (170) adapted to engage said first track (112) and operatively connected to said upper portion (162) of said track drive shaft (160);

a second gear (172) adapted to engage said second track (114) and operatively connected to said lower portion (164) of said track drive shaft (160); and

a cam (150) operatively connected to said housing (22), said cam (150) adapted to engage said latch bar (142) such that, upon engagement of said hollow axle motor assembly (10) and rotation of said cam (150), said latch bar (142) rotates said latch release shaft (140) thereby releasing said first locking mechanism (120) and said second locking mechanism (122).

7. (Original) The track drive mechanism according to claim 6, wherein each of said first track (112) and said second track (114) include a rack portion (116).

8. (Original) The track drive mechanism according to claim 6, wherein said first locking mechanism (120) includes a first pivotable locking member (130), said second locking mechanism (122) includes a second pivotable locking member (132), said first pivotable locking member (130) is spring-biased to engage said first track, and said said second pivotable locking member (130) is spring-biased to engage said second track.

9. (Original) The track drive mechanism according to claim 6, further characterized by a first extruded slider (124) slidably connected to said first track (112) and a second extruded slider (126) slidably connected to said second track (114).

10. (Original) The track drive mechanism according to claim 6, wherein said hollow axle motor assembly (10) includes:

an electric motor (11) having an armature (13), said armature (13) adapted to drive said hollow axle (12), said hollow axle (12) having an outer diameter (14) and an inner diameter (16), said hollow axle (12) adapted to receive said track drive shaft (160) within said inner diameter (16);

a first gear (20) operatively connected to said hollow axle (12);

a planetary gear drive assembly (30) in driven communication with said first gear (20);

and

a drive shaft mount (40) in driven communication with said planetary gear drive assembly (30) and in driving communication with said track drive shaft (160), wherein said hollow axle (12) rotates said first gear (20), said first gear (20) engages said planetary gear drive assembly (30), said planetary gear drive assembly (30) rotates said drive shaft mount (40), and said drive shaft mount (40) rotates said track drive shaft (160) within said hollow axle (12);

11. (Cancelled)